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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA

1. SECRETARY IS NOW PLANNING A 16 DAY VISIT TO 8 COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FROM MAY 12-28. COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED ARE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PERU AND VENEZUELA.

2. SECRETARY'S ITINERARY HAS BEEN WORKED OUT TO INCLUDE AS MANY REPRESENTATIVE COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHIC REGION, PROBLEMS, AND US INTERESTS AS POSSIBLE IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRAVEL.

3. YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE AT THIS POINT (EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW) AS FINAL AGREEMENT FROM ABOVE POSTS NOT
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YET IN. SHOULD YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRE ABOUT THE SECRETARY' S LA TRAVEL YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT HE REGRETS THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT MORE SA COUNTRIES AT THIS TIME.

4. FOR ASUNCION: YOU SHOULD INFORM FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR THAT SECRETARY APPRECIATED HIS INVITATION AND REGRETS HE WAS NOT ABLE TO EXTEND TRIP SUFFICIENTLY TO INCLUDE PARAGUAY AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES HE HAD CONSIDERED VISITING.

5. FOR MONTEVIDEO: PLEASE ASK FONMIN BLANCO TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT BORDABERRY SECRETARY' S APPRECIATION FOR INVITATION AND REGRET THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT. YOU MAY SAY HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE URUGUAY WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE HIM SOME OTHER TIME AS WELL, AND THAT HE WILL KEEP THIS IN MIND.

6. FOR QUITO: IN ACCORD WITH CONSIDERATIONS YOU RAISED IN PREVIOUS EXCHANGES, WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE ECUADOR IN THE ITINERARY. WE PRESUME YOU WILL NOT BE APPROACHED.

7. FOR LA PAZ: SEPTTEL BEING SENT.

8. FOR SANTIAGO, GEORGETOWN AND PANAMA: SHOULD SUBJECT OF SEC VISIT ARISE WITH YOUR GOVT, YOU SHOULD USE CONSIDERATIONS IN PARA 2 IN WHATEVER FORM BEST FITTED TO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES. RUSH

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